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G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR-)
MEDIATED ACTIVITIES)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated December 27, 2004. Entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the claimed subject matter is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-21 (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) A method of detecting activity of a G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR), comprising:

(a) expressing the GPCR in a cell from an exogenous nucleic acid molecule;